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IN a snug little cot by the side of a wood,
Liv'd Old Mother Muggins, so funny and good;
As sweepingher room,(to go and buy a fatduck,)
She found a Silver Penny, what wonderful luck,
Now I'll not buy a duck, said she—and look'd big,
I shall now live quite pretty aud keep a fat pig.
She bought him, and brought him towards home near a mile,
When the pig he refused to get over the stile:
Then what pass'd between them in prose you shall know it,
So I lay down my pen, for the present as Poet.

THE Old Woman finding that the pig would not stir from the stile, neither backwards, nor forwards, nor under, nor over, she began to get rather angry; and endeavoured to drive him over the stile, with a Hish! Hish! and a Tish, Tish, and a Whew, Whew. It was all the same to the Pig, he took no other notice than

giving a wag with his tail, as much as to say, Ah! little Old Woman, you may hish, hish, and wish, wish, but I shall stay where I am; in short he behaved like a hog: at last the Old Woman thought it best to see how far reasoning would prevail with him, and was entertaining hopes by gentle means to get him home. She therefore began—Good Pig get over the stile, or I shall not get home to-night; but the Pig would not

The Old Woman turned herself about, and what should she see but a little Dog, and she said, Good Dog bite Pig, Pig will not get over the stile, and I shall not get home to-night,—but the Dog would not.

The Old Woman went on a little further till she came to where she saw Mr. Justice Stick: he was leaning against a bank at his ease. Old Mother Muggins knowing him to be the gentleman af all others that had the greatest influence andpower over the whole Bow vow family, she dropped him a curtsey and noped, as his Wor-Ship was doing nothing better, he would grant

her request, she said, "Good Stick beat Dog Dog will not bite Pig, Pig will not get over the Stile, and I shall not get home to night," but the Stick would not.

The old woman going a little farther she saw a Bon-fire, she said Fire, Fire, burn Stick, Stick will not beat Dog, Dog will not bite Pig, Pig will not get over the still, and I shall not get home to night but the Fire would not.

Then Old Dame Muggins looked round and she saw a well, so she made bold to look in to see if old servant water was still in her place.

and as she saw that it was so, the Old Woman at once said, Good Water quench Fire, Fire will not burn Stick, Stick will not beat Dog Dog will not not bite Pig, Pig will not over the stile and I shall not get home to-night.—But the Water would not,

What shall I do, thought the Old Woman to herself, by my troth I will ask yonder Ox, so coming up to the Ox, she said, Good Ox drink Water, Water will not quench Fire, Fire will not burn Stick, Stick will not beat Dog, Dog will not bite Pig, Pig will not get over the stile and I shall not get home to-night--but the Ox would not.

The poor Old Woman had now wandered so far that she began to fear she should lose her Pig before she could find a friend, and was walking

quite full of thought, when she met Master Jollypaunch, the Buthcher. Well, said the Old Woman, to meet with a "Friend in need is Friend indeed," and so she might well say, for the Butcher taking compassion on her said he would do any thing in his power to serve her "Will you indeed," said she, then Good Butcher kill Ox, Ox will not drink Water, Water will not quench Fire, Fire will not burn Stick, Stick will not beat Dog, Dog will not bite Pig, Pig will not get over the stile, and I shall not get home to-night.

She had scarce done speaking when the Friend in need and Friend indeed, this Master Jollypaunch, this same fat Butcher, began to

kill the Ox, the Ox began to drink the Water, the Water began to quench the Fire, the Fire began to burn the Stick, the Stick began to beat the Dog, the Dog began to bite the Pig, the Pig began to get over the stile, and so the Old Woman got home that night.

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